GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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National Leprosy Eradication Programme
Singh Shri Kirti Vardhan

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether a massive door to door campaign was launched by the department under the aegis of National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) to detect the hidden cases of leprosy in recent past;

(b) if so, the number of cases reported by this exercise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce measures to avoid under reporting of leprosy cases, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether India is home to 60 per cent of the world"s leprosy patients, if so, the number of patients reported during the last three years, State/UT-wise?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): Yes. A massive door to door campaign namely, Leprosy Case Detection Campaign (LCDC) was launched by National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) to detect the hidden cases of leprosy. The above campaign was carried out during March-April, 2016 and September-October, 2016.
(b): Number of cases reported by this exercise are 31660.
(c): Yes. In order to reduce the under reporting of leprosy cases, programme has introduced three pronged strategies for early detection of leprosy case in the community, which are as below:
? Leprosy Case Detection Campaign for high endemic districts
? Focussed Leprosy Campaign for hot spots of low endemic areas
? Special plan for Case Detection in hard to reach areas.

(d): Yes. India contributes to approximately 60% of the world's leprosy patient. The number of patients reported during last three years, State/UT- wise is Annexed.
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